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SUBJ: KRSKO NUCLEAR POWER PLANT: POSSIBLE

NEW FRG MOVES

1. SEMI- OFFICIAL PRESS AGENCY TANJUG HAS REPORTED RETURN FROM BONN MARCH 30 OF FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (CABINET) MEMBER BORIS SNUDERL. IN BONN SNUDERL HAD TALKS WITH FRG SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ECONOMY, DETLEV ROHWEDER CONCERNING FORTHCOMING YUGOSLAV- FRG MIXED ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH IS TO TAKE PLACE IN BELGRADE AFTER VISIT HERE BY PRIME MINISTER BRANDT. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION OF MAIN ITEMS OF MEETING, TANJUG QUOTES SNUDERL AS SAYING THAT WEST GERMAN SIDE DISPLAYED INTEREST IN CONSTRUCTION OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANT AT KRSKO AND THAT POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION OF WEST GERMANY IN THIS SCHEME COULD CONTRIBUTE TO EXCHANGE OF INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND FRG, AND ADAPTABILITY OF THEIR INDUSTRIES FOR SIMILAR JOINT PROJECTS IN OTHER REGIONS.

2. COMMENT: IT IS POSSIBLE TO EVALUATE SNUDERL COMMENTS AS
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POLITE GESTURE TOWARD FRG PRIOR TO BRANDT VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA (ABOUT APRIL 16 TO 20) AND GOY DESIRE TO PROVIDE SOME BALANCE FOR HIGHLY FAVORABLE COMMENTS ON US TECHNOLOGY MADE BY VICE PRESIDENT JAKOV SIROTKOVIC DURING RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND PITTSBURGH. HOWEVER, WE FEEL TEXT OF STATEMENT CARRIES MORE SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATION. THIS IS FRG EFFORT TO COUNTER IMPORTANT PRICE EDGE WHICH US HAS GAINED THROUGH RECENT DOLLAR DEVALUATION BY OFFERING NEW FRG INVESTMENT CONTRACTS IN YUGOSLAVIA AND FURTHER POSSIBILITIES FOR YUGOSLAV PARTICIPATION WITH FRG FIRMS IN PROJECTS IN THIRD COUNTRIES. PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT IS INFERENCE THAT YUGOSLAV FIRMS WILL BE ASSURED OF WORKING WITH FRG FIRMS ON FUTURE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT CONSTRUCTION IN THIRD COUNTRIES.

3. AS EMBASSY HAS NOTED PREVIOUSLY, WE BELIEVE THAT POSSIBILITY OF NEW MOVES AND END RUNS BY FRG CANNOT BE RULED OUT. IN ADDITION TO IMPORTANT COMMERCIAL AND PRESTIGE GAINS FOR FRG, ANNOUNCEMENT OF KRSKO CONTRACT AWARD TO KRAFTWERKE UNION DURING BRANDT VISIT WOULD ALSO HELP PUSH NAZI INDEMNIFICATION ISSUE FURTHER INTO BACKGROUND.

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